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SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (by KB8NW)

I was able to put together a short bulletin before leaving for Murfreesboro. Have a great holiday weekend.... 73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Saturday, 16-April, through Friday, 22nd-April there were 230 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T31, T32, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3A, MONACO

Andrea, IZ2LSC, will be active as 3A/IZ2LSC from Monaco during the weekend of April 30th and May 1st. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. He plans to use a light multi-band vertical antenna with 100 watts. Andrea requests to PLEASE be patient with him because he is a newbie on CW . QSL via LoTW or by the Bureau via his home callsign. He suggests to follow him on **Twitter at: @iz2lsc**

5R, MADAGASCAR

Giorgio, IZ4AKS, will be active as 5R8KS in another Micro-DXpedition, this time from **Nosy Be Island (AF-057)** between May 31st and June 6th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via IZ8IYX. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 7025, 10105, 14025, 18075, 21025, 24895 and 28025 kHz
SSB - 7085, 14270, 18155, 21295, 24945 and 28495 kHz
RTTY - 7040, 10145, 14080, 18105, 21085, 24920 and 28080 kHz

Visit the 5R8KS Web page at:

http://www.dxcoffee.com/5r8ks

9J, ZAMBIA

Chris, ZS6RI (ex-ZD9IR, 5H9IR, EL8RI), will be active as 9J2RI from Zambia for a year or two. However, operations will be on a "6 week on/6 week off" due to his work schedule (6 weeks off he will return home to South Africa). Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via LoTW or direct to: Chris J de Beer, Box 333, Bethlehem, GA 30620 (w/SASE [USA] or SAE w/return postage for other countries). Bureau QSLs are OK, but very slow. LoTW will be uploaded at least once every 6 week rotation, and probably even weekly. Bureau cards will be sent annually.

9M8, WEST MALAYSIA

Mirek, VK6DXI, will once again be active as 9M8DX/2 from Kuala Lumpur between April 25-30th. Activity will be limited since this is a business trip, but he will operate on some CW during his local evening hours. QSL via SP5UAF.

ASIAN AND IOTA TRIP

Vincent, F4BKV, plans to be active as VR2/F4BKV from a small apartment on the 35th floor in the Lai Chi Kok area (Kowloon side), in Hong Kong, between April 27th and May 6th. He will use a balcony vertical mobile antenna with a Yaesu FT857D. He also plans to be active as YB9/F4BKV from Bali (OC-022), Indonesia, between May 7-9th. Activity from both locations will be casual using low power (100w) and operating SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via LoTW, by the Bureau or direct. Logs of his activities are available online at:

http://www.f4bkv.net

If you want a QSL by the Bureau, you can request it by AE-mail or via the Online QSL Request System. No need to send paper QSL.

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following has been approved for DXCC credit:

ZD9AH Tristan Da Cunha & Gough; 2010 Operation

ZD9T Tristan Da Cunha & Gough; 2010-2011 Operation
If you had these operations rejected in a recent application send a note to **dxcc@arrl.org** to have your record updated. Note, due to extremely heavy e-mail DXCC may not respond to your message. Once updated, this will be reflected in your LoTW account or in the live, daily DXCC standings on the Web site.

(www.arrl.org/dxcc)

EM25, UKRAINE (Special Event)

In connection with 25th anniversary of the accident at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant, radio amateurs from the "Ukrainian State Centre of Radio Frequencies" together with a number of Ukrainian radio amateurs will operate from Chernobyl city between the period April 22-30th, using the callsign EM25U. QSL via UT3UZ: Alex Arbuzov, P.O. Box 7, Kiev-232, 02232, Ukraine.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN

Operators Tony/IZ3ESV, Gabriele/I2VGW and Andrea/ IZ2LSC will be active as HB0/homecall between June 2-5th. The trio is planning a micro-light and holiday-style operation using CW, SSB and RTTY. The main focus will be on the 30/17/12 meters and the upper HF bands depending on the propagation. They will also try 6 meters. QSL via their home callsigns.

IOTA 50TH ANNIVERSARY MARATHON (Janaury 1st, 2012, through DECEMBER 31st, 2013)

A press release by Roger Balister, G3KMA, RSGB IOTA Manager, states:

> "The year 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the launch of the Islands On The Air (IOTA) Programme by British SWL Geoff Watts, BRS-3129. As a build-up to our celebrations on this occasion, the RSGB IOTA Manager and Committee announce an exciting activity period in which all licensed amateurs world-wide are invited to participate.
>
> For a two-year period during 2012 and 2013, IOTA chasers are encouraged to contact as many different IOTA groups as possible, and IOTA activators to play their part by operating from as many groups as possible, with special emphasis on the less-frequently activated ones. The points system adopted rewards 'Activators' with higher scores for activating the rarer IOTA groups. Certificates and awards will be available to both 'Chasers' and 'Activators' to reflect attainment of graduated bands of performance together with attractive prizes for top scorers.
>
> The challenge provides a level playing field for everyone, whether they are complete newcomers to IOTA or are holders of the prestigious IOTA 1000 Islands Trophy, because everyone starts with a clean slate on 1st January 2012.
>
> We hope that all our readers will consider ways in which they can support this event. We would like to see work starting now to schedule activity from as many IOTA groups as possible throughout the 24 months. Let us target 500 groups initially in the hope and expectation of being able to raise this higher as the

Marathon progresses."

The complete rules of the IOTA 50th Anniversary Marathon will appear in the forthcoming 'RSGB IOTA Directory' to be released at Dayton. They can also be seen on G3KMA's website at:

http://www.g3kma.dsl.pipex.com

They will also be uploaded to the RSGB IOTA Web site shortly when key personnel return from Visalia at:

http://www.rsgbiota.org

IOTA NEWS

AF-019. Members of the Valle Brembana DX and Contest Team (VBDXC) will be active as IG9E from **Lampedusa Island** (IIA AG001) between May 18-23rd. Operators mentioned are Enzo/IZ2GLU, Fabio/IZ2GMT, Andrea/IZ2AJE, Diego/IW2MZX and Ezio/IK2AHB. They plan to have three stations active simultaneously "on air" on various bands and modes. Special attention will be given to the 30/17/12 meter bands and the Digital modes. QSL via IK2AHB, by the Bureau or direct. Visit the VBDXC Team's Web page at:

http://www.vbdxc.altervista.org

EU-016. Leo, S50R, will be active as 9A/S50R from the **Island of Lastovo** (ACIA IC-869, CIA-23, IOCA CI-051, MIA MC-196, WLOTA 0815) between April 25-30th. Activity will be on the HF bands, on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau and the LoTW.

EU-079. Members of the QLF DX-Team will once again be active as LA6Q from More Og Romsdal County South IOTA Group between April 29th and May 1st. Operators mentioned are Bjorn/LA5UKA and Trond/LA9VDA. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LA9VDA. Cards can be requested via E-mail at: **la9vda(at)gmail.com** For a direct QSL, please add 3 USDs or 1 new and stamped IRC and SAE. Cards without this will be sent through the Bureau.

EU-123. Members of the Camb-Hams will be activating the Isle of Arran between May 1-8th. They will be operating as GS3PYE/P and GS6PYE/P. Activity will be on all bands 160-2 meters, and 70cm via satellites. For VHF, the island lies in IO75. More information is available at:

http://dx.camb-hams.com/dx-peditions/arran-dxpedition-11/
On Twitter at: http://twitter.com/g3pye
On Facebook at: http://facebook.com/ArranDX

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 25th-May 1st)

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Apr  25    AN          SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS
Apr  26    HN          --------------------
Apr  27    HN          BN - Below Normal
Apr  28    HN-LN       AN - Above Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET
Apr  29    HN-AN       LN - Low Normal
Apr  30    HN-AN       HN - High Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED
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May  01    HN-AN        DIS  - Disturbed
                       VDIS - Very Disturbed


  GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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  QUIET - The "A" index is expected to be between
          0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less
  UNSETTLED - The "A" index is expected to be between
          7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less
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OJ0, MAKET REEF

Operators Dervin/PD9DX, Marc/ON8AK and Max/ON5UR will be active as OJ0UR from **Market Reef (EU-053**, ARLHS MAR-001, TWLHD WLH OJ0-001, WLOTA LH-0542 and Admiralty C4472) between August 13-20th. Activity will be on the HF bands using a Stepp-IR Big Vertical and a Stepp-IR 2 element beam. QSL via M0URX, direct (w/SAE plus 1 IRC/2 USDs), by the Bureau, or LoTW. Alternatively, QSLs may be requested using M0URX's OQRS form at:

http://www.m0urx.com/qsl-request-form

For more info, visit their Web page at:

http://www.united-radio.be/index.html

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated April 21st)
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4A0IARU via N7RO        AO5WRD via EA4URE         LW2DFH via EA5KB
5W8A via YT1AD          AO7WRD via EA4URE         OM75IHWC via OM5NA
9A3B via 9A1AA          AO8WRD via EA4URE         PJ2/DL6LAU via DL6LAU
A60WARD via EA7FTR      BD6JJX via BA4EG          XV2W via W6NWS
AO1WRD via EA4URE       E7/DL2MHA via DL2MHA      XV4YY via DH7WW
AO2WRD via EA4URE       ED1URV via EA1URV         YF1AR via N2OO
AO4WRD via EA4URE       FP5BZ via F5TJP
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9M6TMT QSL INFORMATION. As of April 18, 2011, Buzz, NI5DX, will no longer be assisting 9M6TMT as QSL Manager. Tom has decided to handle the QSL duty himself with assistance from his XYL. Please do NOT send any 9M6TMT cards to NI5DX either direct or via the Bureau.

DENMARK POSTAL RATE INCREASE. John, K9MM, was informed by OZ3PZ that international postal rates from Denmark increased on April 1, 2011. Two USDs are no longer enough for a letter to the USA. He requests either 3 USDs or 1 IRC. See his Web page for additional details at:

http://oz3pz.dk/ox3xrweb/index.php?page=qsl

YF1AR QSL INFO UPDATE. QSL Direct/OQRS/W2 Bureau via QSM N2OO/Bob Schenck. Budi, states, "Do not send to my home QTH or my Bureau."

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4O3A, 4Z1TL, 8P5A, 8P6DR, 9H1SP, 9K2MU, 9Q50ON, CN8KD, CT3MD, ES5GP, G3WPH, GW4OGO, HB9CVQ, HP1/IZ6BRN, HK1MW,

IG9/IW9ELR, J39BS, JA0FVU, LX7I, MU0FAL, OK2CQR, PV8ADI, R7BN, RG4F, RU3ZX, SM0EJR, SV9CVY, XE1GZU, V44KAI and ZS1EL

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4Z5RT, 5B8AD, 6W/AA1AC, CS2C, E21EJC, FM4LV, FM5WD, J37BO, J39BS, J5NAR, J68UN, J88DR, JE1LFX, JY5HX, KH0/G3ZEM, MJ/K3PLV, OH0BP, R1ANP, R1ANP/A, T88ZM, TO3A, TI5KS, TJ3AY, UA2FR, V51AS, VK4LDX/P, YO3FRI and ZL8X

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!

SHORT PACIFIC TOUR

By the time you read this operators Carlos/EA1IR and Hrane/YT1AD should be QRT as 3D2IR and 3D2AD from the Fiji Islands and should be now active as A35IR and A35AD from Tonga until April 26th, before heading back to Fiji for a few days (between April 26-29th). Both operators will finish their short Pacific tour from American Samoa as KH8/EA1IR and KH8/N9YU between April 29th and May 1st. QSL all the above callsigns for YT1AD and EA1IR via Carlos, EA1IR.

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI (Update)

By the time you read this, T31A should be on the air. Some members of the team have opted out from the DXpedition before the team left Apia. Operators Charlie/W6KK, Carlos/EA1IR and Hrane/ YT1AD decided not to go to Kanton island due to obligations and there was no clear date on a return from the DXpedition. Also, there were some other personal reasons which made them decided not to board the boat. However, Carlos/EA1IR and Hrane/YT1AD made a decision to make a short DXpedition to some of the Pacific islands (See Short Pacific Tour). For updates on the T31A team, see the Web page at:

http://www.T31A.com

T8, PALAU

Shigehiro, JA8CCL, is active as T88KR from the Palau Rental shack

(See the following Web page at: http://palau.rental-shack.com/english)
until April 25th. QSL via his home callsign.

VU, INDIA

Operators René/DL2JRM and Daniel/DL5SE are now active as VU3RYO from New Delhi until April 25th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW only. QSL via DL2JRM.

ZA, ALBANIA

Operators Mitko/LZ1UQ and Andy/LZ2HM will be active as ZA/homecall between April 26th and May 5th. Activity will be on all HF bands and 6 meters. Operations will be on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsign using the info on **(QRZ.com)**.

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:
If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ",
please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

PLEASE NOTICE (as of February 12, 2007), NEW ADDRESS CHANGES FOR THE OPDX INTERNET HELP/SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST:

Help: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:help
Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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